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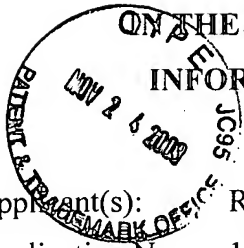
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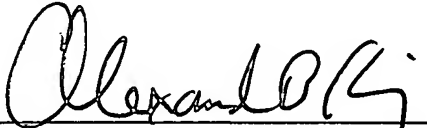
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		4,736,928	04/12/1988	Smilkstein			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
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